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TO: Members of the Council on Elementary and Secondary Education

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RE: Endorsement of Certification Endorsement Areas – Dyslexia, Multilingual Learners, and Computer Science

In December 2018, the Council on Elementary and Secondary Education promulgated new certification regulations that included provisions that endorsements “may be added to existing certificates in recognition of expanded or specialty area expertise” (p. 59). Endorsement plans of study are not at the same breadth and depth of a certification. The endorsements may not be used in lieu of state-required certification for assignments.

RIDE has worked with stakeholders to identify three endorsement areas (Dyslexia, Multilingual Learners, and Computer Science) and to develop the competencies associated with each endorsement. All approved plans of study will need to ensure that educators demonstrate these competencies prior to receiving an endorsement.

RECOMMENDATION: THAT the Council on Elementary and Secondary Education endorse the following Certification Endorsement Areas:

- 1) Dyslexia**
- 2) Multilingual Learners**
- 3) Computer Science**